

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2013 PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA NATURAL RESOURCES REVIEW COUNCIL

1. Call to Order- Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Larry Voyles called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed the Council to the public meeting of the Arizona Natural Resources Review Council. Introductions were made by the Council and others present in the meeting. The Chair also recognized Bob Broscheid being selected as the new Director of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division, and this would be his last Council meeting.

Others Present in Support of the Council:

Governor's Office – Kevin Kinsall and Jill Hall (OSPB)
AGFD – Bob Broscheid

2. Review Agenda

The Chair requested that the agencies be prepared to provide a brief update on important projects and issues facing their agency at the end of the meeting.

3. Council Update on Subcommittee Work

Geographic Information System Subcommittee (Lee Allison)

Nyal Niemuth (for Director Allison) briefed the Council on the GIS Subcommittee's progress in completing the work plan of activities. The SC will continue to focus its efforts on creating the GIS module platform and has addressed the Council members' concerns about having the resources and technical expertise allocated for developing an overarching decision support system at this time. The SC will have their recommendations completed on time for drafting the final report.

Clearinghouse Development Subcommittee (B. Broscheid)

Mr. Broscheid provided a brief update on the SC's efforts on developing a module, consistent with the Council's previous direction on end-user requirements. As discussed at the last meeting, AZGS will provide the technical expertise in developing the module and will provide oversight to ensure linkage to the GIS SC consistent with the direction provided by the Council. Also presented last month, the Office of Strategic Planning and Budget will be the Single-Point-of-Contact as directed by the Governor and required under the Presidential Order. The Draft Executive Order has been provided to the staff at the Governor's Office for legal and policy level review. A suggestion was made that perhaps the EO could focus on natural resource issues and agencies, then later be expanded to include all state agencies. The Final edited EO will be a product of the SC's recommendations. The Clearinghouse SC will have their recommendations completed on time for drafting the final report.

Planning Subcommittee (Scott Hunt)

Mr. Hunt provided an update on the released Grant Application Notice. The process for selecting and approving the grant, as described in HB2001, was described in the grant application. The Council approved the grant application for release at the September meeting, and the SC is currently scheduling a meeting to review and approve the

selected recipient. The Planning SC will then present the selected applicant to the Council for approval at the December 2 meeting.

Mitigation and Conservation Banking Subcommittee (Vanessa Hickman)

Ms. Hickman briefed the Council that the SC is nearing completion of their charge and the recommendations from the SC will be completed for the final report.

Engagement and Partnering Subcommittee (B. Broscheid)

Mr. Broscheid provided a presentation on the messaging slides from various agencies that will serve as key messages in the presentation. The Council appreciated the presentation and recommended that the SC consider developing more visual representations versus verbiage to demonstrate impacts and the effectiveness of the NRRC through the use of GIS capabilities. The E&P SC will have their messages completed in time for drafting the final report.

4. Call to the Public

Pascal Berlioux (Eastern AZ Counties Organization) reiterated their commitment and support to working with the NRRC on several issues related to local and state authorities using process arguments.

Gary Hovatter (AGFD) introduced himself as the replacement for Mr. Broscheid to server as staff support to the NRRC. He also spoke to the importance of engaging in proposed federal actions and strategic messaging from the state agencies on important issues.

5. Discussion of Process for Providing Council Recommendations

Mr. Broscheid provided an overview of the final recommendations and report drafting process, and requested agreement from the Council on several points to ensure clarity. The Council agreed to the January 15, 2014 timeline for completion of the Report. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for December 2, 2013. Between October 22 and December 2, the Chairs of each of the Subcommittees will finalize their current and future recommendations (to include timelines and budget and/or legislative needs) and send to Gary Hovatter by November 15, 2013. Gary will compile the recommendations and organize/format per the EO and prepare a draft report for Council review and comments at the December 2 meeting.

6. Agency Project Updates

AGFD- Mexican wolf project

AZGS- Mineral development projects statewide

ADWR- Litigation with Tribes and Environmental groups in San Pedro; City of Tombstone access to water supply in designated Wilderness; and Proposed Rules from EPA and ACOE on Navigable Streams.

ASLD- Hopi condemnation of ASLD lands; future ESA listings; and public access to those withdrawn lands.

ASP- no issues were identified.

ADOT- I-11 corridor project.

ASF- 4FRI project and White Mountain stewardship contract

ADEQ- Regional Haze regulations for Navajo Generating Station; Rosemont Mine project.

ADA- Expansion of Navigable Streams definition by ACOE.

7. Review Action Items/Future Agenda Items

The following action items and future agenda items were identified:

- 1) The GIS SC report template will be sent to the SC Chairs and NRRC members (**B. Broscheid**)
- 2) NRRC members will be notified of all future SC meetings (**Chairs through B. Broscheid**)
- 3) FUTURE AGENDA ITEM: The Council will discuss a process for managing the need to have ad-hoc discussions outside of scheduled Council meetings on projects before recommendations are developed (**Gary Hovatter**).

8. Adjourn

The Council adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 pm.

Future meeting Dates (All meetings are scheduled from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

December 2, 2013

Governor's Executive Tower
2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Future Council Dates- TBD by future poll by AGFD once the legislative calendar is posted and available.